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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

CHUSMTM DHAHRAN

DSAA JFMO LOWRY AFB CO

USCINCEUR

S E C R E T JIDDA 0916

SECDEF FOR DSAA FOR LTG FISH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, JO, US

SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE: PAYMENT PROBLEMS

REF: 76 JIDDA 5870 (NOTAL)

1. IT APPEARS THAT THERE MAY BE A SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING SAUDI FINANCING FOR JORDAN'S AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE PERHAPS REFLECTING LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE SAG. USMTM HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SAG MINDEF'S OFFICE THAT IT IS THE SAUDI UNDERSTANDING THAT PAYMENTS FOR THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM ARE TO BE MADE BY JORDAN.

2. BASED ON THIS UNDERSTANDING, SULTAN'S OFFICE DIRECTOR TOLD USMTM THAT \$140 MILLION WAS PAID TO JORDAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN THE FIRST PAYMENT WAS DUE WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT JORDAN WOULD IN TURN PAY THE BILL.

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3. SULTAN'S OFFICE DIRECTOR ASKED THAT WE CHECK WITH COJ TO DETERMINE STATUS OF \$140 MILLION AND ASKED THAT USG PROVIDE MODA WITH A LETTER REQUESTING DIRECT PAYMENT BY THE SAG IF THAT IS WHAT WE WANT.

4. WE ARE PROVIDING USMTM WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF ARABIC LETTER (REFTEL) FROM THE SAG THAT AGREES TO MAKE PAYMENTS INTO A

CENTRAL SAUDI FMS ACCOUNT.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL HAVE CHUSMTM GEN. AHMANN REVIEW
REFTEL WITH MINDEF OFFICERS TO OBTAIN THEIR FURTHER VIEWS OF THE
PAYMENT UNDERSTANDING CONTAINED THEREIN.
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